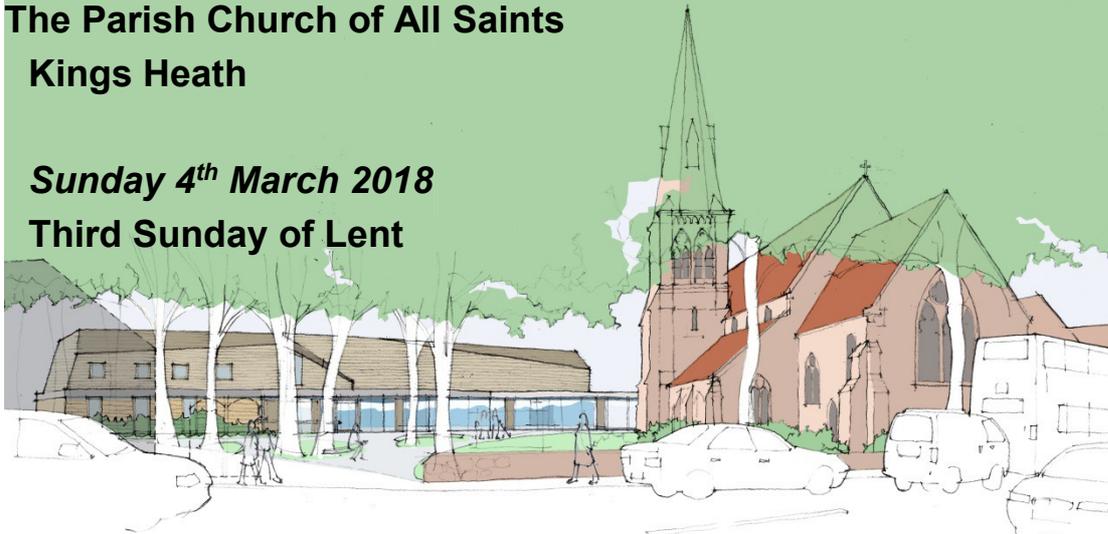


**The Parish Church of All Saints
Kings Heath**

Sunday 4th March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent



Welcome to all visitors. Everyone is welcome to coffee after the service

Services this Week: Third Sunday of Lent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Thanksgiving Service for Youth Project celebrating their 20 th anniversary |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer |

Morning Prayer: 9.00am-9.30am

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9.15am Saturday

Wednesday 11.30am Holy Communion

9.00pm Compline

Services next Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Parish Communion |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer |

COLLECT :

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none

other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom

of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (1 Corinthians 1:25)

WE PRAY:

Thankful for twenty years' growth and adaptation,

- we pray for the future of our Youth Project, it's staff and volunteers and all presently engaged in groups and activities;
- for all who have passed through its doors and care may continue to flourish as adults;
- for any young people not sure where to look for belonging, advice, or safety, and any summoning up the

courage to ask for help;

- we pray for any we know who are ill or who need our prayers including John Davies and Val Hems
- we pray for those who have died John Scrase, Joy Nesbeth and Betty Pace and in our year's mind Caroline Bloxham, Susan Inions, Bishop Michael Parker and Joan Hislop

We will give thanks for Margaret Rigby's twelve years' ministry as Administrator after the service on Sunday March 11th.

Fairtrade Fortnight: This year Fairtrade fortnight is from Monday 26th February until Sunday March 11th. Please look out for this year's competition (after the morning services and at the talk about Nepal) and see if you can win something from the Traidcraft cupboard. All money raised will go toward Traidcraft's Big Brew event. Why not try something new from the stall to mark Fairtrade fortnight

Have you wanted to visit Nepal, but were put off by the travelling?

Here's an alternative- On Sunday 4th March, Gill and John will be talking about, and showing pictures of, their recent 'Meet the People' tour to Nepal.

They will explain how the groups they visited have worked to benefit the community as well as providing employment.

Refreshments will be available - donations to The Traidcraft Big Brew are welcomed as the talk will take place during Fairtrade Fortnight .

Goods from GPI, one of Traidcraft's Nepalese producers, will be on sale. Remember 4pm, in Church on Sunday March 4th!

Palestine Evening: Thursday 8th March 7.30 - 9pm in the Cafe/Welcome Space

Chris Watts and Margaret Healey-Pollett invite you to an evening of food and reflection on Palestine. There will be a presentation about the different trips that Chris and Margaret went on with the Amos Trust, with information about the 'holy places' and the 'living stones' of this troubled land. Tickets £5 to cover costs, including food and room hire. Tickets will be available in advance from the Cafe or after the morning service; or on the door

The next **Political Night Prayer** is to be held on Sunday, March 18th at The Cotteridge Church, Pershore Road South, B30 3EJ from 7.30 until

9.00. Cotteridge Friends (23A Watford Rd, Birmingham B30 1JB) are kindly allowing use of their car park from 6.30 onwards. The theme this time is **BEYOND BREXIT**.



Emily Goes to Chile: South American

Fundraiser

Enjoy a fun evening with your friends 17 March 2018 - 7 for 7:30 PM
Main Hall, All Saints Centre Delicious South American Food
Chilean wines, beers and cocktails Chilean Quiz
For Tickets: emilygoestochile@yahoo.com

Friday Evenings, with live music, in the Cafe The café is now open on Friday evenings until 9.30, for our usual meals, drinks, and cakes. We have a varied programme of live music from 7 – 9pm, organised by Sarah Wright Owens, who is looking for performers if you would like the opportunity. Contact Sarah on sarah@singertrain.com. Please see our board, or the different Facebook pages (Café, Village Square, or Church) to find out the programme for the week. Hope to see you there!

All Saints Youth Project 20 year celebrations

For your diaries (please note some changes of dates)
Photographic competition closing date 23rd February. Opening of welcome space exhibition 18th March 3.00 pm

4th March Thanksgiving service 10.00 am

10th March Youth Project open day 11 til 3

16th March PARTY. 7 TIL 11.30 at the E57 club Alcester Road. For anyone who has had any involvement over the last 20 years including past and present young people, parents, donors, supporters, committee and board members, volunteers, staff past and present. £2 for adults under 18s free.
Tickets from youth office.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS YET? 1st prize £100.

Tickets from Mary and Brian Miles, Alison Wall, Jenny Warbrick, Daniel Wilson and any member of staff.

Further information on any of above email Vicki on info@asyp.org.uk or website www.allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk
Or pop into the youth office.

Foodbank Collection Point: We now have a Foodbank collection point, at present beside the crib. Any gifts for the foodbank can be brought on Sundays or left at the welcome desk during the week. .

Join 'All Saints Children and Families' group on Facebook, and follow @allsaintsfamily on Twitter for updates on our ministry with children and families

PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographs may occasionally be taken by our photographer during services. They are to record our church's story and may be used for publicity. If you do not wish your picture or that of your child to be used, please speak to a Sidesperson or Churchwarden. We respectfully ask that others do not take photographs at church without permission

ALL SAINTS

is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk

supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',

see: www.inclusivechurch.net

has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk

belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk

is a Jubilee Congregation,

see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christ

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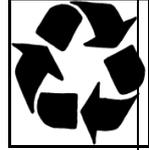
Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid

Spare knitting wool

Clean jam jars required by Craft Group

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Not Goodbye



Parish Administrator, 15 hours per week wanted ASKH. I had the job advertisement for over a week and on the closing day I phoned, collected an application form, returned it the next day, was interviewed and at the desk in the South vestry in 10 days.

I had attended church since before I was born but in recent years had not regularly attended my church but accompanied my husband to mass at his.

Parish Administrator at All Saints has been an 'eventful' time but I genuinely feel I was brought to All Saints. I have never questioned my faith but knew it was time to make it work and put it into good practise. All Saints has enabled me to serve and demonstrate my faith, in all manner of situations, which has given me deep-soul satisfaction. When I am in the quietness of the church on my own (which I love) I sometimes ask out loud if it was all part of a plan and I have a vision of a loving Father smilingly knowingly.

Whether it was or not I wouldn't have missed it. It has been satisfying, humbling, fulfilling rewarding 12 years.

So this is not Goodbye.

All Saints has reeled me in and I intend, when I am able, to soothe and nourish my soul by attending church and using my knowledge of and affection for All Saints and contribute to the life and community of All Saints.

See you soon.

Margaret